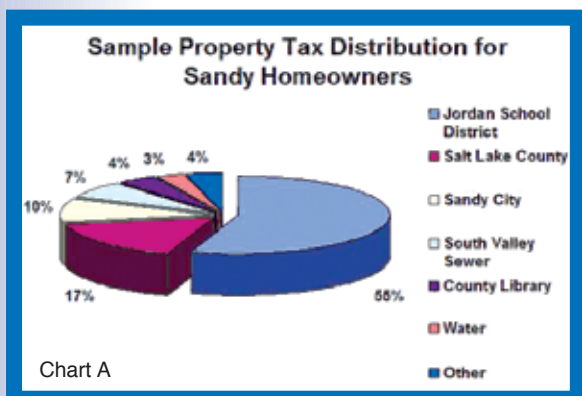


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Understanding Property Taxes



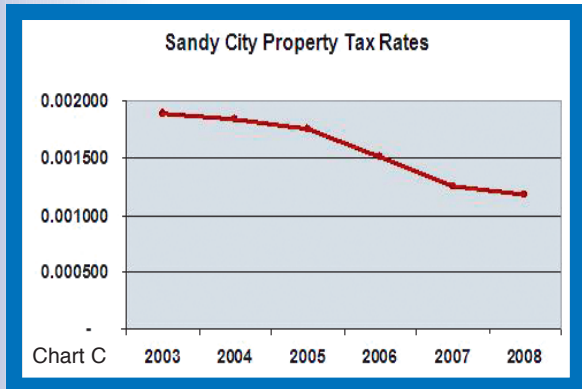
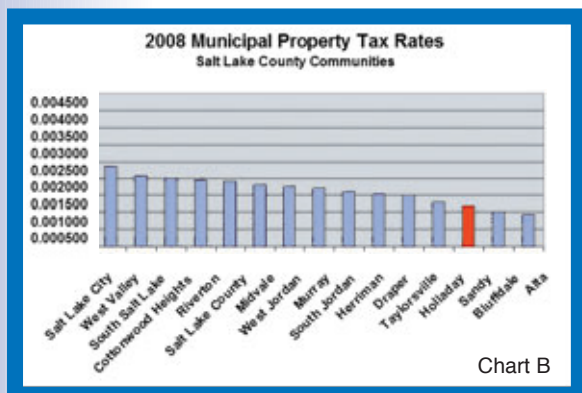
A recent poll sponsored by the Utah League of Cities and Towns showed that most residents were uncertain how much of their property taxes go to their city or town. Property taxes can be a difficult subject to understand. So, here is a brief explanation and some fun facts about property taxes in Sandy.

Who Receives Your Property Taxes

The Salt Lake County Assessor's office evaluates each property within the county to determine the value. Depending upon the location of a property, different property taxes may apply, such as special service districts for recreation centers or other improvements. Regardless, in Sandy, the Jordan School District receives the largest portion of your property taxes, typically about 55 percent of the total amount collected, followed by Salt Lake County at 17 percent. On average, Sandy City receives only about 10 percent of property tax funds collected (See Chart A – Property Tax Distribution).

How Property Taxes in Sandy Compare

Sandy City maintains one of the lowest municipal property tax rates in Salt Lake County (See Chart B – 2008 Municipal Property Tax Comparison) and the lowest property tax rate of Utah cities with a population over 70,000 people. In fact, over the past six years, the actual Sandy City property tax rate has fallen consistently (See Chart C – Sandy City Property Tax Rates). The city's portion of property taxes paid by residents is about \$175 based on a home value assessed at \$270,000.



How Your Property Taxes are Used

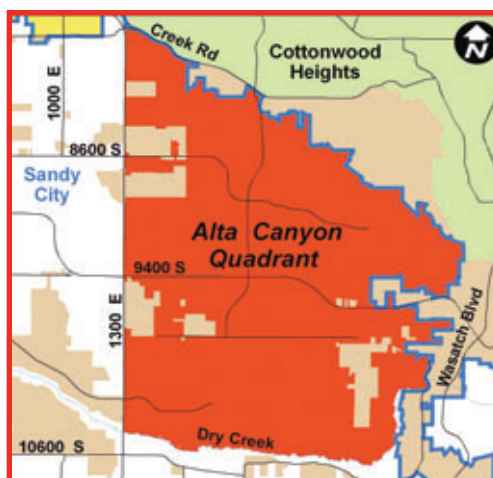
This year, Sandy City will receive about \$7.25 million in property tax revenue. To put this in perspective, this amount is less than the budget for the fire department. In fact, the property taxes from Sandy homeowners only come to about \$.16 per day for each Sandy resident. Try comparing that to your cable bill! These property taxes are combined with sales tax revenue and other fees the city receives to provide police, fire, streets, planning, parks and recreation, and other municipal services to Sandy residents. Sandy residents are receiving a great benefit by the services being provided for each property tax dollar they pay.

Sandy City Council hosting Alta Canyon Quadrant Meeting Tuesday, November 11, 7 p.m. at the Sandy Senior Center

Come out and be informed.

The Sandy City Council and Mayor Tom Dolan invite you to a special community quadrant meeting for the Alta Canyon Quadrant (see map for boundaries) being held at the Sandy Senior Center located at 9310 South 1300 East on Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m.

The city council, mayor and the city's department directors will be present to update citizens on events and happenings in the city. They will also report on recent business developments, public safety efforts, public works, parks and streets projects. Time will also be allotted to answer citizen questions. Similar quadrant meetings for the Crescent, Historic Sandy and Bell Canyon areas will be planned over the next several months.



Free Flu Shots at Sandy Fire Stations

Free flu shots will be offered at all five Sandy Fire Stations on Saturday, Nov. 1 beginning at 8 a.m. while supplies last to anyone 18 and older.

Fire Station Locations:

Station #31: 9010 South 150 East
Station #32: 9475 South 2000 East
Station #33: 11270 South 2015 East
Station #34: 10765 South 700 East
Station #35: 8186 South 1300 East

Firefighters at each station will also be offering free blood pressure and blood sugar tests.

Free flu shots are sponsored by the Healthy Sandy Partnership which is a coalition representing Sandy City, Alta View Hospital, the Jordan School District, the Salt Lake County Health Department and local businesses, churches and neighbors from Sandy City.

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